

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

CHILDREN'S RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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Administration for Children and Families

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Amounts Available for Obligation

	2005 <u>Enacted</u>	2006 <u>Enacted</u>	2007 <u>Estimate</u>
Appropriation.....	\$55,398,000	\$57,953,000	\$57,953,000
Offsetting collections.....	<u>14,956,000</u>	<u>20,646,000</u>	<u>21,545,000</u>
Subtotal, adjusted budget authority (gross).....	70,354,000	78,599,000	79,498,000
Unobligated balance start of year.....	3,882,000	992,000	0
Recovery of prior-year obligations.....	466,000	0	0
Unobligated balance, end of year to carry forward.....	<u>-992,000<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total, gross obligations.....	\$73,486,000	\$79,591,000	\$79,498,000

<sup>1</sup> The amount only includes budget authority with no-year availability. There was additionally \$224,000 in unobligated balances that were only available in FY 2005.

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

FY 2006 Estimate .....	\$57,953,000
(Obligations, gross).....	79,591,000
 FY 2007 Estimate .....	 57,953,000
(Obligations, gross).....	79,498,000
Net change .....	0
(Obligations, gross).....	-93,000

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Budget Authority by Activity

	<u>2005 Enacted</u>	<u>2006 Enacted</u>	<u>2007 Estimate</u>
Training and Technical Assistance	\$11,466,000	\$12,318,000	\$12,318,000
Federal Parent Locator Service .....	22,932,000	24,635,000	24,635,000
Child Welfare Study .....	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000
Welfare Research .....	15,000,000	15,000,000	15,000,000
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Total, Budget Authority .....	\$55,398,000	\$57,953,000	\$57,953,000

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Budget Authority by Object

	<u>2006</u> <u>Enacted</u>	<u>2007</u> <u>Estimate</u>	<u>Increase or</u> <u>Decrease</u>
<u>Personnel Compensation:</u>			
Full-time permanent (11.1).....	\$6,977,000	\$7,272,000	+295,000
Other than full-time permanent (11.3).....	58,000	60,000	+2,000
Other personnel compensation (11.5).....	54,000	56,000	+2,000
Civilian personnel benefits (12.1).....	1,310,000	1,365,000	+55,000
Subtotal, Pay Costs.....	8,399,000	8,753,000	+354,000
Travel and transportation of persons (21.0)....	716,000	716,000	0
Transportation of things (22.0).....	33,000	33,000	0
Rental payments to GSA (23.1).....	2,514,000	2,514,000	0
Communications, utilities and miscellaneous (23.3).....	18,000	18,000	0
Printing and reproduction (24.0).....	133,000	110,000	-23,000
<u>Other contractual services:</u>			
Advisory and assistance services (25.1).....	28,971,000	29,673,000	+702,000
Other services (25.2).....	6,092,000	6,092,000	0
Purchases of goods and services from government accounts (25.3).....	6,989,000	6,859,000	-130,000
Operation and maintenance of equipment (25.7).....	12,000	0	-12,000
Subtotal, Other contractual services.....	\$42,064,000	\$42,624,000	+560,000
Supplies and materials (26.0).....	145,000	85,000	-60,000
Equipment (31.0).....	115,000	90,000	-25,000
Grants, subsidies, and contributions (41.0)....	3,831,000	3,100,000	-731,000
Subtotal, Non-Pay Costs.....	49,554,000	49,200,000	-354,000
 Total, budget authority by object class.....	 \$57,953,000	 \$57,953,000	 0
 Total, obligations <sup>1</sup> .....	 \$79,591,000	 \$79,498,000	 -93,000

<sup>1</sup> Obligations include fees offset from the states to pay costs associated with offset notice preparation and Federal Parent Locator Service and fees from other federal agencies to pay costs associated with the Federal Parent Locator Services. FY 2006 includes unobligated funds.

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Authorizing Legislation

	<u>2006 Amount Authorized</u>	<u>2006 Enacted</u>	<u>2007 Amount Authorized</u>	<u>2007 Estimate</u>
1. Training and Technical Assistance: Section 452(j) of the Social Security Act <sup>1</sup>	Indefinite	\$12,318,000	Indefinite	\$12,318,000
2. Federal Parent Locator Service: Section 453(o) of the Social Security Act <sup>2</sup>	Indefinite	24,635,000	Indefinite	24,635,000
3. Child Welfare Study: Section 429A of the Social Security Act	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000
4. Welfare Research: Section 413(h) of the Social Security Act	15,000,000	15,000,000	15,000,000	15,000,000
Total Appropriation	Indefinite	\$57,953,000	Indefinite	\$57,953,000

<sup>1</sup> The amount authorized and appropriated is equal to the greater of 1 percent of the total amount paid to the federal government for its share of child support collections for the preceding year or the amount appropriated for this activity for fiscal year 2002.

<sup>2</sup> The amount authorized and appropriated is equal to the greater of 2 percent of the total amount paid to the federal government for its share of child support collections for the preceding year or the amount appropriated for this activity for fiscal year 2002.

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APPROPRIATIONS HISTORY TABLE

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
1997	\$59,548,000
Rescission	(21,000,000)
1998	76,440,000
Rescission	(21,000,000)
1999	72,816,000
Rescission	(21,000,000)
2000	59,992,000
Rescission	(21,000,000)
2001	60,627,000
Rescission	(21,000,000)
2002	57,953,000
Rescission	(21,026,000)
2003	35,385,000
2004	55,998,000
2005	55,398,000
2006	57,953,000
2007	57,953,000

## Children's Research and Technical Assistance

### Justification

	2005 Enacted	2006 Enacted	2007 Estimate	Increase or Decrease
Training and Technical Assistance [obligations]	\$11,466,000 [12,820,000]	\$11,318,000 [13,289,000]	\$11,318,000 [12,318,000]	0 [-971,000]
Federal Parent Locator Service [obligations]	22,932,000 [39,686,000]	24,635,000 [45,302,000]	24,635,000 [46,180,000]	0 [+878,000]
Child Welfare Study	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000	0
Welfare Research	15,000,000	15,000,000	15,000,000	0
Total, net budget authority	\$55,398,000	\$57,953,000	\$57,953,000	0
[Total, obligations]	[\$73,486,000]	[\$79,591,000]	[\$79,498,000]	[-\$93,000]

### General Statement

The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-193) authorizes and appropriates funds for welfare research and technical support for states implementing welfare reform. These efforts include training and technical assistance to support the dissemination of information and technical assistance to the states on child support enforcement activities as well as the Federal Parent Locator Service which assists states in locating non-custodial parents. Additionally, this budget assumes the enactment of S. 1932 (the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005) which reauthorizes funds for welfare research to conduct research and demonstrations relating to state welfare reform efforts and the child welfare study.

**Program Description** — The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA) includes two provisions which target funding to the Department to strengthen the federal government's capacity to influence the effectiveness of the child support enforcement program.

The first provision, earmarking an amount equivalent to greater of either one percent of the federal share of child support collections in the prior year or the amount appropriated for this activity in fiscal year 2002, is extended to cover the Department's costs in providing technical assistance to states (including technical assistance related to state automated systems), training of state and federal staff, staffing studies, information dissemination and related activities; and to support research, demonstration, and special projects of regional or national significance relating to the operation of state child support programs. These activities are key to successful state outcomes in implementing welfare reform and attaining the anticipated benefits of the statute. Amounts under this provision are available until expended.



The second, pertaining to an amount equal to the greater of either two percent of the federal share of child support collections in the prior year or the amount appropriated for this activity in fiscal year 2002, is directed to cover the Department's costs in operating the Federal Parent Locator Service to the extent that these costs are not recovered through fees. Under PRWORA the mission and scope of the Federal Parent Locator Service was significantly expanded to add two new components--a Federal Child Support Case Registry and a National Directory of New Hires. This expansion has had a significant impact on the program's ability to collect support in interstate child support cases. About 25 percent of non-custodial parents live in a different state than the custodial parent. Amounts under this provision are available until expended.

The Administration will explore how existing data (such as available to or through the Federal Parent Locator Service), could be used to enhance the Government's ability to do more comprehensive research on the interactive effects of participation in Child Support, TANF, Medicaid and SCHIP and the relationship of program participation to employment and wages. Understanding how employment patterns affect family well-being and federal program participation will help the Administration monitor progress toward the goal of family self-sufficiency.

The Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 includes the continuation of funding for research in the areas of child abuse and welfare reform. An amount of \$15,000,000 a year is provided for the cost of conducting welfare research studies and demonstrations. Additionally, \$6,000,000 a year is made available to continue efforts on a national random sample study of children who are at-risk of child abuse or neglect, or are determined by states to have been abused or neglected.

**Performance Analysis** — The Child Support Enforcement and Family Support Programs chapter of this document (Chapter F) includes a summary of the performance accomplishments and goals of the child support enforcement program.

Resource and Program Data  
CSE Training and Technical Assistance (Obligations<sup>1</sup>)

	2005 Actual	2006 Enacted	2007 Estimate
<u>Resource Data:</u>			
Service Grants:			
Formula			
Discretionary			
Research/Evaluation			
Demonstration/Development			
Training/Technical Assistance	\$6,732,000	\$7,079,240	\$5,984,240
Program Support <sup>2</sup>	6,088,000	6,209,760	6,333,760
Total, Resources	\$12,820,000	\$13,289,000	\$12,318,000
<u>Program Data:</u>			
Number of Grants	16	12	12
New Starts:			
#	14	6	7
\$	\$1,800,000	\$827,203	\$1,150,000
Continuations:			
#	2	6	5
\$	\$187,000	\$772,797	\$450,000
Contracts:			
#	13	15	13
\$	\$2,588,000	\$3,657,000	\$2,712,000
Interagency Agreements:			
#	9	8	8
\$	\$2,196,000	\$2,237,000	\$2,237,000

<sup>1</sup> FY 2005 and FY 2006 obligations include unobligated funds.

<sup>2</sup> Includes funding for information technology, salaries/benefits and associated overhead costs.

Resource and Program Data  
CSE Federal Parent Locator Services (Obligations<sup>1</sup>)

	2005 Actual	2006 Enacted	2007 Estimate
<u>Resource Data:</u>			
Service Grants:			
Formula			
Discretionary			
Research/Evaluation			
Demonstration/Development	\$5,629,670	\$4,830,231	\$8,300,000
Training/Technical Assistance	0	0	0
Program Support <sup>2</sup>	34,056,330	40,471,769	37,880,000
Total, Resources	\$39,686,000	\$45,302,000	\$46,180,000
<u>Program Data:</u>			
Number of Grants			
New Starts:			
#			
\$			
Continuations:			
#			
\$			
Contracts:			
#	7	7	7
\$	\$24,639,000	\$29,947,000	\$30,579,000
Interagency Agreements:			
#	6	6	6
\$	\$8,074,000	\$8,343,000	\$8,404,000

<sup>1</sup> Obligations include fees offset from the states to pay costs associated with offset notice preparation and Federal Parent Locator Service as well as fees from other federal agencies to pay costs associated with the Federal Parent Locator Services. FY 2005 and FY 2006 include unobligated funds.

<sup>2</sup> Includes funding for information technology, salaries/benefits and associated overhead, program development, modernization, enhancements, and maintenance costs.

Resource and Program Data  
Welfare Research

	2005 Actual	2006 Enacted	2007 Estimate
<u>Resource Data:</u>			
Service Grants:			
Formula			
Discretionary			
Research/Evaluation	\$12,025,000	\$11,900,000	\$11,900,000
Demonstration/Development	0	0	0
Training/Technical Assistance	1,867,000	1,900,000	1,900,000
Program Support <sup>1</sup>	1,100,000	1,200,000	1,200,000
Total, Resources	\$14,992,000	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000
<u>Program Data:</u>			
Number of Grants	8	5	5
New Starts:			
#	8	0	0
\$	\$1,692,000	\$0	\$0
Continuations:			
#	0	5	5
\$	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Contracts:			
#	27	27	27
\$	\$10,713,000	\$12,442,000	\$12,442,000
Interagency Agreements:			
#	8	5	2
\$	\$1,874,000	\$1,048,000	\$1,048,000

<sup>1</sup> Includes funding for information technology support, contract processing fees, conference fees, printing costs, and administrative fees.

Resource and Program Data  
Child Welfare Study

	2005 Actual	2006 Enacted	2007 Estimate
<u>Resource Data:</u>			
Service Grants:			
Formula			
Discretionary			
Research/Evaluation	\$5,927,000	\$5,916,000	\$5,966,000
Demonstration/Development	0	0	0
Training/Technical Assistance	0	0	0
Program Support <sup>1</sup>	61,000	84,000	34,000
Total, Resources	\$5,988,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
<u>Program Data:</u>			
Number of Grants	9	8	0
New Starts:			
#	9	7	0
\$	\$828,000	\$700,000	\$0
Continuations:			
#	0	1	0
\$	\$0	\$31,000	0
Contracts:			
#	5	4	4
\$	\$5,099,000	\$5,185,000	\$5,966,000
Interagency Agreements:			
#	1	1	1
\$	\$61,000	\$84,000	\$34,000

<sup>1</sup> Includes funding for information technology support, contract processing fees, conference fees, printing costs, and administrative fees.

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